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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In : [redacted] of: [redacted]

Ci : AQUAYS : Group Art Unit: 1755

Fe : And Other Materials : Examiner: Marcantoni, Paul D.  
... Treated Bauxite Tailings  
... s for Making Same

Se : 10,729 : [redacted]

File: 10/13 : [redacted]

ATTENDANT ACCOMPANYING REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

This amendment is filed in response to the examiner's final office action of July 8, 2005.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Amend the attached Amendments To Specification (37 CFR 1.121b).

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1-28 are hereby cancelled, without prejudice. New claims 29-44 are now in this application.

Amend the attached Complete Listing Of All Claims Ever Presented (37 CFR 1.121c).

REMARKS

Claims 1-28 were rejected under 35 USC 102(a, b, and e) as anticipated by, or in the alternative, under 35 USC 103(a) as obvious over Jaques et al. '352 or Iwu '567. These rejections are respectfully traversed, and it is submitted that new claims 29-44, presented hereinafter, are unallowable over Jaques et al. and/or Iwu.

The applicant's new claims 29-44 provides for the use of sulfuric acid as the primary reagent. The reagent provides for not removing the resulting sodium sulfate that is formed from